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MONTHLY SEISMIC CREW COUNT (Month of November, 1979)

The number of seismic land crews and marine vessels searching for oil and gas in the U.S. and U.S. waters during November continued to increase, according to the Society of Exploration Geophysicists which conducts the monthly survey of oil companies and contractors. The total number of seismic land crews and marine vessels active domestically during November was 439, up three crews and vessels from October. The November total represents an increase of 79 crews and vessels since April.

The November total (439) represents a 1% increase over last month, a 19% increase over November, 1978, a 31% increase over November, 1977, a 63% increase over November, 1976, a 66% increase over November, 1975, and a gain of 44% over the same month in 1974.

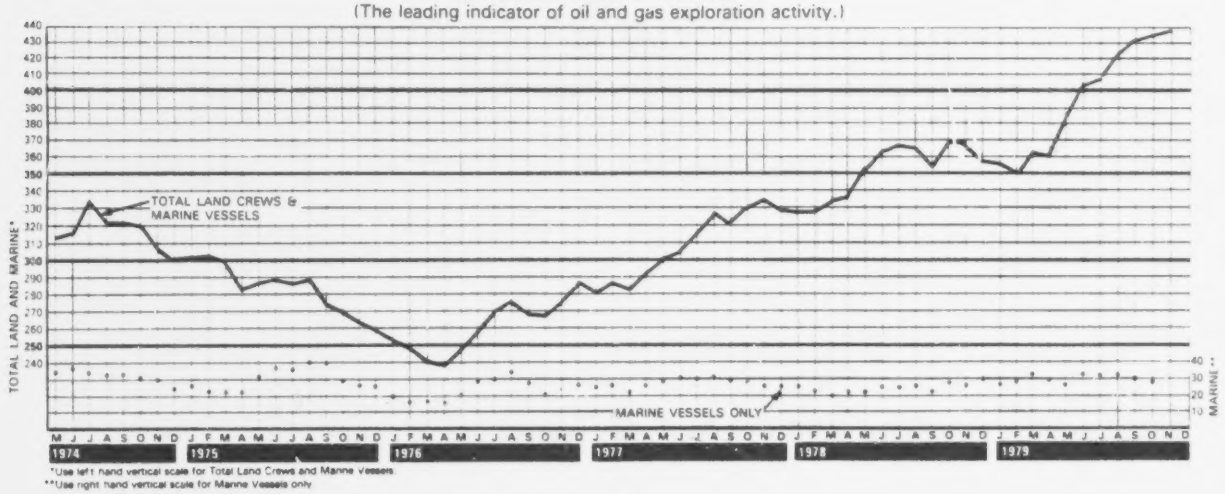
During November, three contractors were operating five of their 369 land crews and none of their 25 vessels on a speculative basis.

TOTAL LAND & MARINE CREWS:	This Month 439	Last Month 436	Nov. '78 369	Nov. '77 335	Nov. '76 275	Nov. '75 265	Nov. '74 306

	LAND CREWS							MARINE VESSELS						
	This Month	Last Month	Nov. '78	Nov. '77	Nov. '76	Nov. '75	Nov. '74	This Month	Last Month	Nov. '78	Nov. '77	Nov. '76	Nov. '75	Nov. '74
55 Contr's:	369	368	304	274	216	199	234	25	24	22	21	19	22	25
10 Oil Co's:	39	39	38	35	34	39	42	4	4	5	5	6	5	5
1 Gov't.:	0	0	0	0	--	--	--	2	1	0	0	--	--	--
Totals:	408	407	342	309	250	238	276	31	29	27	26	25	27	30

SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)

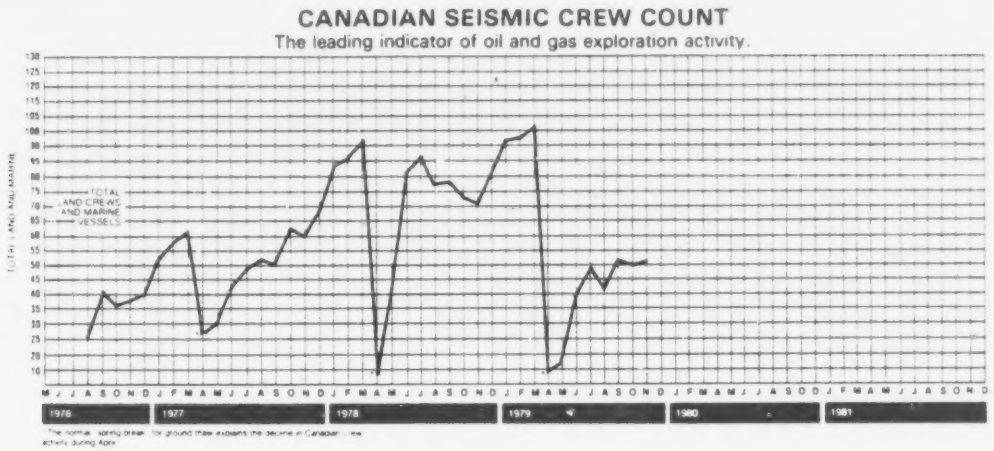


*Results of SEG's Seismic Crew Count of land and marine vessels engaged in exploration for oil and gas in the USA and USA waters, including Alaska, for the month indicated. These figures are compiled from data reported by oil companies operating company-owned seismic exploration crews and vessels and by contract seismic exploration companies. Special significance is attached to seismic crew activity since it is recognized as the leading indicator of all petroleum exploration activity.

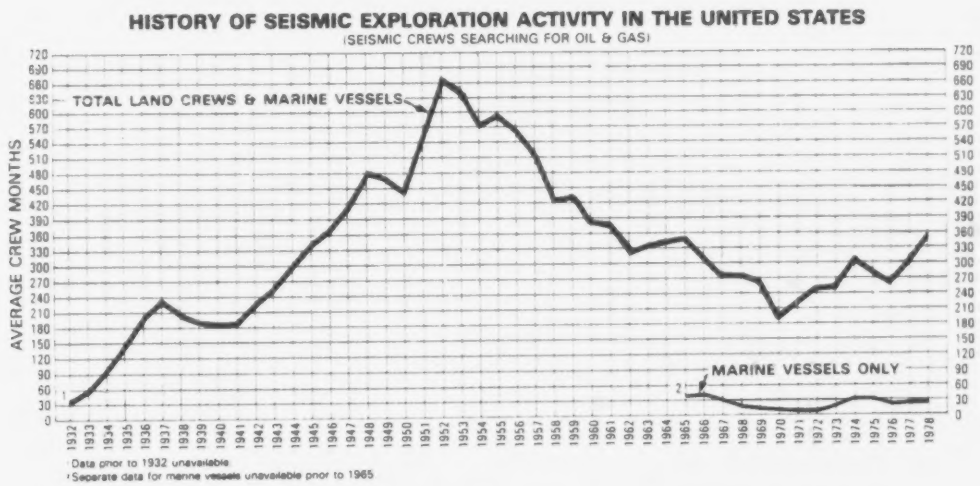
CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT

November, 1979 (October figures in parentheses)

	Land Crews	Marine Vessels
21 Contractors:	48 (45)	1 (1)
2 Oil Companies:	3 (3)	0 (1)
Totals:	51 (48)	1 (2)



SEG's monthly USA Seismic Crew survey was organized in 1974 at the request of the United States' Federal Energy Administration. The report is currently submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy. Both the U.S. and the international surveys are financed by a grant from the International Association of Geophysical Contractors.


HISTORY OF SEISMIC EXPLORATION ACTIVITY IN THE UNITED STATES
(SEISMIC CREWS SEARCHING FOR OIL & GAS)
TOTAL LAND CREWS & MARINE VESSELS
MARINE VESSELS ONLY
AVERAGE CREW MONTHS
1 Data prior to 1932 unavailable.
2 Separate data for marine vessels unavailable prior to 1965

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